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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are struck through.

1 (currently amended): A reversible electromagnetic wave shielding knitted material comprising a conductive fiber yarn and an elastic fiber yarn interknitted with each other as a surface side and a natural fiber yarn as a back side, wherein the proportion of the elastic fiber yarn is greater than 0 but not greater than 2/3 of the total amount of the conductive fiber yarn and the elastic fiber yarn interknitted with each other.

2 (original): A material according to claim 1, which comprises a plain knitted structure or rib knitted structure obtained by plating the conductive fiber yarn and the natural fiber yarn in all the courses of the knitted material.

3 (currently amended): A material according to claim 1, wherein the conductive fiber yarn is a multifilament in which each filament comprises a synthetic fiber selected from the group consisting of a nylon fiber, a polyester fiber, an acrylic fiber, and a polypropylene fiber-or like synthetic fiber, each having a denier (d) of about 2 to about 8, and a metal component applied to a surface of the synthetic fiber by a method selected from the group consisting of sputtering, vacuum deposition, and electroless plating-or-like method.

4 (currently amended): A material according to claim 1, wherein the conductive fiber yarn is a fiber-of polyacetylene-or-like conductive resin fiber, or a fine metal wire selected from the group consisting of gold, silver, copper, and stainless steel-or-like metal.

5 (original): A material according to claim 1, wherein the natural fiber yarn comprises a natural fiber, a natural fiber/rayon fiber mixed spun yarn, or a natural fiber/ synthetic fiber mixed spun yarn.

6 (original): A material according to claim 1, wherein the conductive fiber yarn is a silver-plated nylon yarn having a denier (d) of about 70 to about 210, and the natural fiber yarn is a cotton yarn having a count of 30 to 150, the material having a KES hand value (G-soft) of at least 6 and an electromagnetic wave shielding capability of at least 20 dB.

7 (canceled)

8 (currently amended): A material according to claim 71, wherein the elastic fiber yarn is a single-covered yarn or a double-covered yarn comprising a polyurethane thread as a stuffing thread covered with a nylon thread.

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9 (currently amended): A material according to claim 7<sub>1</sub>, wherein the elastic fiber yarn has a denier (d) of about 10 to about 200.

10 (canceled)

11 (original): A material according to claim 1, which is used as an undergarment.

12-17 (canceled)

18 (new): A material according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of the elastic fiber yarn is greater than 1/3 but not greater than 2/3 of the total amount of the conductive fiber yarn and the elastic fiber yarn interknitted with each other.

19 (new): A material according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of the elastic fiber yarn is greater than 1/3 but not greater than 1/2 of the total amount of the conductive fiber yarn and the elastic fiber yarn interknitted with each other.

20 (new): A reversible electromagnetic wave shielding knitted material comprising:

a surface side comprised of: (i) a conductive fiber yarn having a denier (d) of about 70 to about 210; and (ii) an elastic fiber yarn having a denier (d) of about 70 to about 200, said conductive fiber yarn and said elastic fiber yarn being interknitted with each other at a ratio of the elastic fiber yarn to the total of the conductive fiber yarn and the elastic fiber yarn of greater than zero but not greater than 2/3, wherein spaces between the conductive fiber yarns are adjusted to have an electromagnetic wave shielding capability of at least 20 dB; and

a back side comprised of a natural fiber yarn

21 (new): A material according to claim 20, wherein the conductive fiber yarn is a silver-plated nylon yarn, and the natural fiber yarn is a cotton yarn having a count of 30 to 150, wherein the material has a KES hand value (G-soft) of at least 6.